

# Washington's Amateur Baseball Season Marked by Unusually Close Races in Most Leagues

## CLOSE COMPETITION IN PLAY TO DATE

Best Races in Years Mark Banner Season of Amateur Baseball.

This is undoubtedly the banner year in amateur baseball. In but few instances has one team of a league shown a decided superiority, and at the present time three or four are battling for top honors in several of the Washington organizations. In the Capital City League, Cornell Company and Aloysius are fighting it out, with Sewage Pumping Station right on their heels. In the Departmental League, Commissioners and Commerce and Labor are tied for honors, with Postoffice still in the running. In the Suburban League Takoma has but a slight advantage over Potomac and Woodbury. In the Independence League, St. Paul and Manhattan are on even terms, with St. Martin's not far in the rear. Commercial National, American Security and Trust Company and Washington Loan and Trust are fighting for the top position among the Bankers, with the last two making rapid strides toward the front. In the other circuits, leaders who are credited with superior records in most cases got the start on other teams, but at the present time are being forced to the limit to hold their lofty positions. It is highly probable that by the end of the present month close races will be evident in every case. After all close competition is the source of interest, and is just what is needed to give the sport the place it deserves in the heart of the general public.

## CAPITAL CITY LEAGUE.

STANDING.

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
Cornell Co. 3 3 .750	St. Paul 4 7 .364
Aloysius 7 4 .636	Navy 4 8 .333
Sew. P. Sta. 7 4 .636	Midways 3 7 .300

GAME TODAY.

Cornell Company vs. St. Stephen's.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Midway, 3; Aloysius, 1.

GROUND.

First and M streets northeast.

Yesterday's game marked the real surprise of the season. Midway Athletic Club, touted as the weakest aggregation in the circuit, took a fall out of the Aloysius club, late league leaders and contenders for top honors, by a 3 to 1 score.

Followers of the Midway team have long lauded the ability of Pitcher Kohler, to whom the bulk of the credit for the victory must be attributed. Kohler is one of the veteran twirlers of Washington amateur circles, having seen service in the leading organizations since the origin of the old Church League.

Judging by his excellent work in yesterday's game, Kohler has lost little of his old-time cunning. Three scattered hits were the result of the attack. The lone tally credited the losers came as a result of errors in the final session.

Cornell Company nine was among the spectators at the game. The result came as a gladsome surprise to Cornell, for it boosted its chances considerably.

Bucher, the former Cornell twirler, has joined the Danville, Va., League team, and after watching him work out the Southern scribes have already begun to laud his ability. Bucher was recommended to Danville by Priest, a former Departmental League twirler, who is now playing in the short field for the Virginia League club.

Harry Zannell has undoubtedly added much strength to the Midway team. His strong game in the field and timely stick work was in a large way responsible for the victory yesterday.

Trowbridge, at second for Midway, proved slugger-in-chief of the afternoon. Three hits, just half of the number made by his team, resulted in two runs, 224 his worthy contribution. He also had a busy day in the field, accepting nine of ten chances.

Leonard pitched a creditable game, for the losers, but poor support was responsible for his defeat.

Mertz proved a Cobb on sacks, stealing three bases. Smith, who caught for Aloysius, is a receiver of known ability and this fact brings out Mertz's exhibition as all the more commendable.

## SUBURBAN LEAGUE.

GAME TODAY.

Brightwood vs. Takoma.

STANDING.

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
Takoma 5 2 .709	Silver Sp. 6 6 .500
Potomac 7 3 .709	Brightwood 4 7 .364
Woodburn 7 4 .636	Mt. Pleasant 1 9 .100

Yesterday's game postponed.

Neither Mt. Pleasant nor Silver Spring was able to put a team in the field, and the game was postponed. An exhibition game was played between the two teams, vacant positions being filled by outsiders. Silver Spring won by 7 to 5.

King, an outfielder, pitched for Mt. Pleasant and fared well, considering his lack of experience.

Thomas, at third base for Mt. Pleasant, has added batting strength since he entered the ranks two weeks ago. He has connected for one or more hits in each game in which he has played and aided his position in excellent style.

## OLYMPIA LEAGUE.

STANDING.

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
St. Stephen's 8 1 .889	Tanglewood 4 4 .400
Ten-Town 5 3 .625	Prospect 14 20 .410
Ten-Town 5 3 .625	Madeira 10 4 .000

GAME TODAY.

No game.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Olive, 9; Madeira, 0.

Madeira forfeited to the Olive team in yesterday's scheduled game.

Perhaps no more peculiar conditions have caused a forfeit than those of yesterday. When the teams lined up there was a full quota on each side. Looking over the stock in trade no mask was found. Reynolds, of the Olives, volunteered to take a chance at working behind the bat without the aid of a mask. Johnson, of Madeira, would take no risks on his face. Umpire Ray then awarded the game to the Georgetown boys. Some were remarked that as matters stood Catcher Johnson did not have the face to do it.

## If He Is Hurt, What's the Answer Then?



CHARLEY STREET, Washington's Catcher, Upon Whom Much Depends.

## RAILROAD Y. M. C. A. LEAGUE.

STANDING.

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
Adams 7 3 .709	Shopsman 2 7 .222
Car Dept. 7 3 .709	Station 2 7 .222
Southern 6 3 .667	Trainmen 2 8 .200

GAME TODAY.

Station vs. Car Department.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Adams, 10; Trainmen, 4.

Adams strengthened its hold on first position in the Railroad League yesterday, by trouncing the Trainmen, tail-enders, in a poorly played game, by 10 to 4. The Expressmen excelled in every department, scoring in each of the five innings. In the second and fifth innings they scored five runs, taking advantage of a general swatting and frequent ascensions on the part of the losers. Had the game gone the full route there is no telling just how large the score would have been.

Harvey, at third base for Adams, enjoyed a swatting bee all to himself, connecting for a homer, a triple, and a single.

The scorers found a difficult task in keeping tab on the many miscues.

McMann, at second, for the winners, was much in evidence both in field and at bat. A three-base hit and a single, both of the timely sort, helped materially.

Osborne at third, and Busher at first, made four of Trainmen's five hits. Shanahan in left field was the other to figure in the second column.

Car Department and Station clash today. The former team is at present second, and is pulling for a victory to reduce the margin that separates it from first position.

## MARQUETTE LEAGUE.

STANDING.

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
Columbia 5 3 .625	Diamond 5 3 .625
Pen. B. 6 3 .667	Hyg. Lab. 1 5 .167
C. & P. T. 2 4 .333	G. P. O. 0 7 .000

GAME TODAY.

Pension Bureau vs. Hygienic Laboratory.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Diamond 4, C. & P. O., 13.

GROUND.

First and W streets northwest.

Yesterday's game between Government Printing Office and Diamond Athletic Club, which the latter won by 13 to 13, was one of the poorest exhibitions of the season. The fielding was especially ragged, a total of eleven errors marred interest in the proceedings. Five pitchers were used, and the game was hard, the Printers connecting for ten and the clubmen for thirteen hits. The game lasted over three hours, the length of time being required for eight innings.

Sanino and Voegelberger each slammed out a triple, Smith, of G. P. O., was leading slugger with a brace of doubles.

The clubmen scored in every inning but the fifth and sixth. In the seventh they added four to the total. Eight of the Printers' thirteen runs were scored in the fourth and fifth innings.

Dalley, at second, played an excellent fielding game for the winners, accepting seven chances. Based on his performance he had a fair chance to figure in the hit column.

Pension Bureau plays Hygienic Laboratory today in a game that should be interesting, in the fact that it will give the former team a chance to gain a few points in the race. Pension Bureau is running Columbia, 101, a close race for top honors in the circuit.

## HYLAND AND BURNS DRAW.

NEW YORK, June 22.—"Fighting Joe" Hyland and Kid Burns went ten fast rounds to a draw last night at Brown's gymnasium. The two boys fought every second of the battle. In the early rounds Hyland gained a slight advantage over his rival, Burns got under way after the fifth and evened up matters. The final round was fast enough to satisfy the members, each boy tried to get the haymaker over, but there wasn't a chance, and the bell found them fighting away at a great rate.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LEAGUE.

STANDING.

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
Ninth 5 3 .625	Peck 3 3 .500
Hamline 3 4 .429	Sixth 2 7 .286
Anacostia 3 3 .500	Langdon 3 3 .500

GAME TODAY.

Hamline vs. Peck.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Anacostia, 8; Ninth, 4.

The game was hard fought throughout with clean snappy fielding at all times. It is almost an oddity these days to find both teams without an error.

"Yum" Morland seems to be able to fit in almost anywhere. Of late in the Departmental League his hitting has been unimpaired, but he connected for the circuit yesterday.

The slugging honors easily go to Snyder, who got four hits, a three-bagger, two-bagger, and two singles.

It was purely a case of throwing the books into the leaders at the right time. Ninth, Hamline, and Anacostia are furnishing a pretty race for the title.

The blow in the fourth turned the tide. Ninth got three in the last round, but could not make up the lost ground.

Peck expects to trim Hamline this afternoon. A victory would set Hamline down a peg and move up Anacostia.

A total of twenty-one assists indicates the unusual fielding on both teams.

Only six innings were played. With Ninth going strong at the finish a full route contest may have ensued up the game. Short games in amateur ball do not as a rule give ample opportunity to the teams, for in many struggles the games are usually won or lost in a single inning.

Symonowski went well in the innings he pitched. Litz blew in the fourth and retired. Had Symonowski started the game the story might have been different.

## BANKERS' LEAGUE.

STANDING.

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
Com. Nat. 5 3 .625	Nat. City 2 5 .286
W. L. & T. 5 3 .625	Amer. Nat. 0 7 .000
Am. Security 4 2 .667	

GAME TODAY.

American Security vs. American.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Washington Loan and Trust, 15; National City, 1.

GROUND.

White Lot Ellipse.

A merry-go-round for the Washington boys. Hitting and stealing bases poiled up an overwhelming score.

Minnegeerde was in the linealight again. His many friends who have been pulling for him this season saw their hopes fulfilled again yesterday. Minne got two hits, three stolen bases, and carried four of his team's runs across.

Altogether, the Washington Bankers stole nine bases. Not a record for honesty at any rate.

Scharf had a weird time of it. Although he lined him in the last out, seven bases on balls, which, coupled with base stealing and nine errors by his team mates, should have discouraged any further effort.

Fisher, for National City, led his team at bat. He connected for two. Holden got a fly out for his side.

It was played in a short time, notwithstanding the fact that there was so much action.

Both Robertson and Galt, for the winners, worked well in the box. Washington Loan and Trust has two excellent performers who may be relied upon at all times.

Although the Commercial National has a clean record and stands in possession of the leadership, the Washington boys are showing that they are in the main. Great improvement has been shown in the last few games, and they look to defeat the Commercial team at the next session.

## INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE.

STANDING.

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
Manhattan 3 3 .500	Twining 5 6 .455
St. Martin 3 3 .500	Nat. U. 1 5 .167
St. Martin 3 3 .500	Nassau 1 5 .167

GAME TODAY.

St. Martin vs. Nassau.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Game postponed.

GROUND.

Lincoln avenue and Rhode Island avenue northwest.

Lincoln avenue and Rhode Island avenue northeast.

St. Paul's pennant hopes were severely jolted when Twining Athletic Club, last season's champions, trounced it in a game replete with razzed hitting, by 19 to 4.

Engle pitched for Twining and his puzzling assortment proved too much for the Churchmen, who were able to connect safely in but three instances. But for razzed support he would have scored a shutout.

Manhattan now has a substantial lead in the race with an 81-point advantage over St. Paul, its closest rival.

This afternoon St. Martin's will be afforded an opportunity to share second honors with St. Paul. Nassau will be its opponent, and judging from past performances, St. Martin's should win hands down. However, the opening months of the season, makes it practically impossible to pick the probable winner.

Heiser was the individual star in the game between Twining and St. Paul. His batting was particularly good, four hits, including three doubles, loomed up as his contribution.

Dillon, the Gallaudet University twirler, set his humus for the first time since his debut in league society. His delivery was touched up for twelve clean hits for a total of fifteen bases.

Brunner and Stuckert, both of St. Paul, were eliminated from the proceedings in the eighth for disputing the umpire's decision. Umpire batting is seldom tolerated in the Independence League, and the offenders are always fined and warned against a repetition.

## SOUTHERN RAILWAY LEAGUE.

STANDING.

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
And. 5 0 .100	Books 2 2 .500
Bett 3 1 .750	Tracy 2 2 .500
Operat'g 2 2 .500	Law 0 4 .000

GAME TODAY.

No game.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Auditors, 18; Traffic, 16.

Another swatting bee yesterday; hits galore at all times and the result in doubt at all times.

Auditors looked to have the game sewed up until the last round. There was some consternation when the Traffic boys began chasing runs across. Seven errors counted before the last out was made just two less than enough to tie.

Traffic is looking for revenge next time they meet Traffic outfit. The Auditors and feel that a longer contest would have told a different story.

Crabhill and Black for Traffic led with the circuit yesterday. Riddle starred for his side with three.

Four doubles and five triples give some idea of the pounding the pitchers received. In proportion errors were as plentiful as hits.

Carter pilfered three bags and counted twice. A good record on the bases, despite the fact that no chances came his way in the field.

There was little choice in the pitching, both men having the same number of strike outs, and the hits were nearly equal. The strong arm of the fielders was a trifle better, and finally won.

## COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

STANDING.

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
Andrews 3 2 .600	D. V. W. 4 1 .286
W. L. & T. 3 2 .600	S. E. Club 4 1 .286
B. & W. 6 6 .500	

GAME TODAY.

Berry & Whitmore vs. D. N. Walford.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Southeast Club, 5; Andrews, 2.

GROUND.

Georgia avenue and Clifton street northwest.

The Southeast Club's initiation was made under favorable circumstances. The followers are enthusiastic over the defeat of the strong Andrews club. To step in, a new team, and take a fall out of the leaders is a feat worthy of the heartiest support and encouragement.

Southeast's victory was clean cut. There were no flukes or luck-outs along the way, and those who saw the contest are hoping for a higher position for Southeast before long.

Errors figured conspicuously in the defeat of the Andrews team. Eight miscues behind G. Garland were mainly responsible for his downfall, as he pitched a good game.

Although blanked for the first five innings the Southeast Club kept at it and counted in three runs. Three runs more in the eighth laid the game on the shelf.

That last inning proved the finish of the Andrews boys. Four errors following in rapid succession allowed enough runs to end the contest.

It would seem a hopeless task to get much higher up in the race, but from the pick up the Southeast Club may have the satisfaction of breaking up the standings of the leaders. The ability to defeat Andrews may seriously affect the different clubs. Herald and Berry and Whitmore may be caught napping.

## McFARLAND PICKS LEMON WITH EASE

Packey McFarland of Chicago, who recently knocked out Jack Goldswain of London, the English welterweight, in the third round at London, fought for a prize of \$3,500.

Packey, carrying a few pounds more and thereby being stronger than when he met Welsh, went after his bigger opponent like a wildcat from the start and gave him a merry whaling. McFarland finally dropped him, and, by putting him out, Packey outclassed Goldswain, who lacked the speed and cleverness of the American. McFarland was until they again met him in the ring with Welsh, so that he may wipe out the bad decision recently given him.

## DEPARTMENTAL LEAGUE.

STANDING.

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
C. & L. 7 3 .709	Agriculture 4 6 .400
Com. 7 3 .709	Navy 2 7 .222
Postoffice 5 6 .455	

GAME TODAY.

Commerce and Labor vs. Agriculture.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Postoffice, 7; Navy, 2.

GROUND.

White Lot Ellipse.

The pitchers seem to be the goods these days. Yesterday Ferguson came down out of the clouds and pitched his first real article of ball. His attempts lately have been of color, but his teammates have had confidence in him. His performance was especially worthy of mention. Allowing but four hits, two of which were of the scratchy variety, striking out eleven and allowing but two bases on balls shows that he had all that was needed. Navy has been going well of late and Boreland was expected to deliver the goods yesterday. His erratic work was responsible for the defeat.

There are few catchers who have anything on Krafas as a worker. He is in the game at all times, keeps his team on the move and is one of the most popular men on the Ellipse with both fans and players. Norman has played a lot in his day and still is delivering the best of baseball.

Alston, who relieved Ferguson, was the captain of the George Washington football team last year. Alston has had plenty of early experience in pitching, having been captain and pitcher of his prep school team in Texas. He is over weight at present and needs work.

Postoffice got more hits than any team has made in the league in a single game this year.

Vaughn is playing a clever game for the Letter Carriers. He gets his hits consistently and is regarded as one of the best third-sackers in the league. Like Charley Moran, he is a trifle over weight.

Navy pulled off two double plays yesterday.

Mr. Dougherty handled the indicator. Mr. Betts has been on the job so long that the boys have a hard time without him. Some time ago, when Mr. Betts left town for the college games, Mr. Dougherty officiated, so that this was not his first appearance.

Today's game will well repay the fan for his trip to the Ellipse. Commerce and Labor, which is tied with the Commissioners for the lead, plays Agriculture. The Commerce and Labor needs the victory to hold on to the lead in spite of a strenuous effort. The Farmers are determined to wipe out last week's defeat, when C. & L. won 3 to 2. Should Agriculture win, Commerce and Labor will have a hard time landing the flag.

The Commissioners have no hard contest ahead. A victory will at least assure a tie for the leadership in the final count.

## RENO NOW TRYING TO BE ON LEVEL

RENO, Nev., June 22.—Reno needs the money. That's all there is about it. And Reno is going to get some of it all right before the day of the big fight rolls around.

Legitimately, all right, in most cases, for Easterners and other strangers coming here will get their money's worth.

Again, it is not going to last long out here. They passed a State law a short time ago putting a ban on all openess like gambling. Not a card will be turned or a ball spun, in the open, in the festive roulette hall after next fall nor will the merry little cube be tossed out over the crap table or in the chuck-a-luck table. Nevada is trying to shake off its ancient reputation and become a real model State. Soon its only national stock trade will be the divorce mill that grinds so rapidly and with such exceeding finesse.

When the advance correspondents swarmed in business men began to scent legitimate prey and things happened. As there was no lid on the town they went the other way and removed the bottom. The price of eggs and other ordinary commodities began to soar and an entirely new rate scale went into effect. It didn't take more than a minute or so to effect the change.</